

Subject: Col. Gardiner's Eagle of the Cincinnati

Gardiner, Asa Bird
[Suffern, NY]

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Mrs. Asa Bird Gardiner
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Dear Madam:

This Society maintains in its building, which is open to the public every day, the most extensive collection in existence of United States war medals and insignia of hereditary societies, which collection is the Society's property, and is exhibited permanently.

From time to time we supplement this with specimens of peculiar interest, which are loaned for that purpose, only accepting as such loans things which possess unusual merit.

I have been instructed by the Council to ask you if you would be willing to exhibit for such time as you might designate, Col. Gardiner's Eagle of the Cincinnati, which we understand was originally worn by General Washington.

We would be most glad to place this on exhibition, either by itself, or as part of a group of decorations worn by Col. Gardiner, whichever way you might desire. It, or they, would be properly described and labeled as having been worn by Col. Gardiner and loaned by you.

The Society's building is absolutely fire proof, and is well guarded, and you can be assured of the safety of this and such other decorations and medals (if any) as you might care to loan for this purpose.

Hoping that you will give this your favorable consideration, I am,

Very truly,

Curator.